

House District 33 Representative

Pepper McFarland, Undeclared



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AGE: 58

PLACE OF BIRTH: Port Angeles, WA

OCCUPATION: Teacher

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 24 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Mekoruk 2003-2007
Delta Junction 2007-2010
North Pole 2010-present

EDUCATION:
Associate of Arts and Science: Everett Community College 1991
Bachelor of Arts in history with minors in economics and political science: Western Washington University, 2000
Master of Education: Western Washington University 2002

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Food Service: Serving, bartending, resorts, 1987- 2021;
Teacher 2003-Present; Local business owner

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

Fairbanks Education Association Board of Directors;
North Pole Chamber of Commerce; Team RWB; Former 4-H project leader; Volunteer for local races

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Reading, knitting, skijoring, hiking, kayaking and hanging with my dogs, Sven & Sage.

OTHER:

I am not a Democrat or a Republican. I am a reasonable Alaskan who wants to focus on making Alaska a great place to live, work, and raise a family. The hard-working families of the North Pole Community deserve a hard-working voice in Juneau. That's me. I care about people first and look forward to representing you.

STATEMENT:

I am not a career politician. I have an open mind and focus my priorities on what's in the best interests of the working families of Alaska. I care about people: children, elders, veterans, and families. I care about making sure every Alaskan has the opportunity to work hard, provide for their family, and build a healthy, prosperous future.

Energy costs

I will work to lower the cost of energy so Alaska families can keep more of what they earn and businesses can grow and create jobs. I will work for energy security by exploring wind, solar, hydro-electric, geothermal, and the natural gas pipeline. Alaska needs to be in charge of our own future, not a multi-national corporation intent only on profit.

Quality education

Our schools should prepare students for good-paying jobs in Alaska. I will work toward finding ways to recruit and retain quality teachers, reduce class sizes, and provide students with the knowledge and skills to succeed.

We need to put value back into a diploma. Students who graduate in Alaska need to have skills, not just seat-time. I will work to establish requirements in U.S. history, civics, and reading proficiency.

Responsible State Budgets.

Our budget should reflect our priorities. I will work to ensure public dollars are spent on programs that help working families and strengthen our communities. Government funding should not be based on the price of oil. I will fight for more stable sources of funding, allowing for a full payment of the PFD.

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